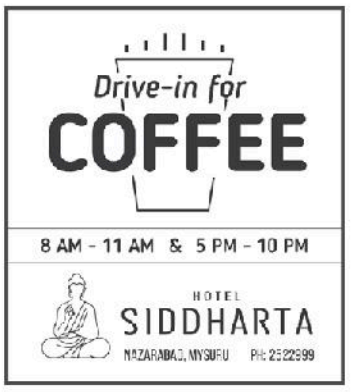

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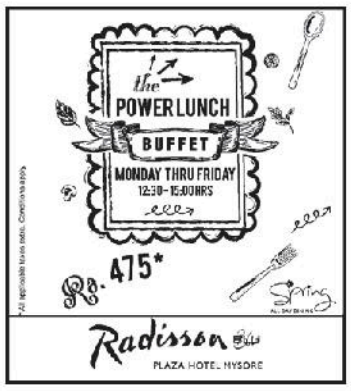

Dacoits robbing morning walkers held

Gang members changed 30 SIM cards to evade location tracking

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (MTY&BCT)- The Vidyaranyapuram Police have arrested two members of a notorious dacoit gang that had spread terror among morning walkers. While the kingpin is already in jail, three more gang members are absconding.

They were giving the slip to Police since the last five months and were moving from one place to another and they did this by constantly changing their SIM cards. It is reported that they had about 25 to 30 different SIM cards. Also they did not stay at one place and slept near roadside buildings in Bengaluru, Mandya and Mysuru outskirts.

Two members were finally arrested in Chamundipuram yesterday when they were scouting for buyers of stolen gold. Their *modus operandi* was to target early morning walkers and at deserted streets they used to flash daggers and bill hooks to rob both men and women.

The arrested have been identified as 30-year-old Shiva alias 'Tagaru Shiva' of K. Salundi in Mysuru Taluk and 33-year-old Harish alias 'Haavali' of Sharadadevinagar. The gang kingpin Sharath is already in jail and he was arrested in Saraswathipuram two months back when he was found moving suspiciously in an Omni around midnight.

Scouting for buyers

According to the Police, Shiva and Harish were moving suspiciously at Chamundipuram yesterday in an Activa scooter (KA-55-U-8244). They were looking for buyers of gold ornaments and were found making discreet enquiries. Alert cops cornered the duo and opened the scooter boot space to find a couple of daggers and bill hooks. They were later taken to Vidyaranyapuram Police Station where they confessed to the crime.

Police said, on 27.8.2020, they targeted Ananthaprabha of Visvesvarayanagar and pulled her into a conversation. She was standing in front of her house and in the process of talking with her, the gang members entered her house and robbed a gold chain weighing 25 grams, a gold bracelet and a gold ring. They had also robbed C. Chandru, a retired employee of BSNL on 5.9.2020 when he was walking near Akkamahadevi Circle on Ring Road. They cornered Chandru, flashed daggers and robbed a gold chain weighing 15 grams.

Challenging case

The Police recovered ornaments worth Rs. 1.5 lakh from the duo. The Police were finding the cases challenging as the gang members never stayed at one place. They avoided their relatives' homes and even did not stay in lodges. They used to eat street food and slept in front of buildings and commercial complexes. To avoid tracking they changed SIM cards, cops said.

(See DACOITS on page 7)

Jodi Tenginamara Road turns into lorry stand !

Closure of lease period : TAPCMS locks its lorry stand area to take up developmental works

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (RKB&KS)- Following the 15-year lease period of the lorry stand at Taluk Agricultural Produce Co-operative Marketing Society (TAPCMS) Limited taken by Railway Goods Shed Lorry Owners Association coming to an end yesterday, the TAPCMS authorities have locked the gate of the lorry stand on Jodi Thenginamara Road in Bannimantap, which has forced the truck owners to park their vehicles on either side of the road causing disruption in smooth movement of vehicles since last evening.

Also, about 100 trucks are stuck inside the lorry stand and unable to come out as the gate is locked besides causing problems to transport essential commodities which have arrived in goods trains.

This morning, following a request from Railway Goods Shed Lorry Owners Association President Abdul Khader Shahid, through Inspector Narayanaswamy, the officials opened the gate and allowed five trucks outside and again closed the gate. Shahid said that there are no official lorry stands in city and trucks coming to the Railway Goods Shed used to be parked in the lorry stand belonging to TAPCMS. As the lease period came to an end yesterday, the officials have locked the gate with about many trucks still parked inside.

(See ROAD on page 7)

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MRC land Lease extension row

HC directs State to file objections by Feb. 18

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (SSV)- The Karnataka High Court has directed the State Government to file objections by Feb. 18 in connection with a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed challenging the extension of lease of 139.39 acres of land in favour of Mysore Race Club (MRC).

Also, the MRC has been asked to submit whether the Government had permitted it to further sub-lease a portion of the land to Jayachamarajendra

Wadiyar Golf Club (JWGC).

A Division Bench, headed by Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka orally observed that the Golf Club seems to be the luckiest to get Government land on sub-lease from another lessee.

"How could MRC further sub-lease a portion of the total Government land, leased to it by the Government, to the Golf Club? How the rent equivalent to two percent of the income is recoverable if the Club claims loss? The lease was renewed on Jan. 17, 2020 with retrospective effect from July 1, 2016 till July 31, 2046 fixing the lease rent at two percent of the gross annual income of the Club," the Bench observed.

(See HC on page 7)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd February 2021

First place in 'Poetry Recitation' contest

Tejas H. Badala

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Tejas H. Badala, 2nd PU student of Sri Jayachamarajendra PU College, has secured first place in 'Poetry Recitation' competition held on the occasion of the Republic Day celebration under the title 'Ambedkar Odu' (Read Ambedkar) by the Department of Kannada and Culture, Mysuru, according to a press release.

Desiranga to host free folk dance camp

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Desiranga Samskrutika Samsthe, Mysuru, has organised a 12-day free folk dance camp from Feb. 10 to 21.

Participants will be trained in folk dance forms of Karnataka like Kamsale, Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Maari Kunita and Kolata everyday from 4.30 pm to 6 pm at Kalamandira premises.

Also, well-known theatre and folk experts will be invited to introduce the camp participants to theatre, folk art, culture and literature. For details, contact Mob: 98444-27129.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

DIGITAL (UN)DEMOCRACY: ***Over the past week farmer protests have been met with a painful slowing down of internet services in several parts of Delhi, plus their suspension at Singhu, Ghazipur, Tikri and adjoining areas. In Haryana, mobile internet and SMS services were suspended in 17 districts. This is in fact becoming standard operating procedure in States across India. Despite all the research showing that digital blackouts encourage rumours not peace, abuse of this blunt instrument is growing. Education, health, the public distribution system, banking, every sector becomes collateral damage, as access to the internet has become a fundamental requirement for so many of citizens' essential transactions.***

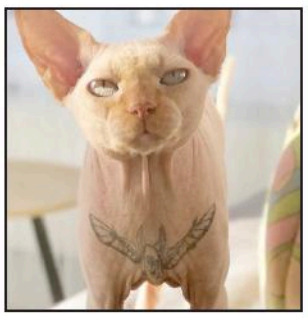
Note that Government itself is at the forefront of this civilisational shift with the Digital India campaign. Indeed digital platforms became life-savers during the COVID lockdown, facilitating everything from work from home to medical services. Recourse to frequent internet shutdowns actually reflects a schizophrenia in governance. For example, the just released Economic Survey 2020-21 bats for online schooling to reduce inequalities in educational outcomes, and there is wide consensus on this. But at the same time States now resort to suspending internet services to prevent cheating in exams, something that leaves educationists scratching their heads.

Even as Indians look forward to 5G technology to usher in a digital revolution, existing services are really in the global backwaters — we ranked 129th in the world for mobile internet speed and 65th for broadband speed in December. Government can't champion a digital economy with subpar internet speeds and by enforcing the most internet shutdowns in the world. Digital is supposed to empower people while internet shutdowns have an undemocratic feel.

— In The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Internet outraged over tattooed pet cat



Lviv: A Ukrainian fitness model came under fire from animal lovers after photos of her tattooed pet Sphynx went viral on social media.

Elena Ivanickaya, a fitness enthusiast and Instagram model, first sparked controversy in 2017, when she announced that she had had her pet hairless cat, Yasha, tattooed and had even posted photos of the sedated animal during the procedure. Her decision was labeled as animal cruelty and caused so much outrage that the story eventually made international news headlines. But instead of backing off and let things blow over, Ivanickaya defended her decision and continued to post photos of the tattooed feline on her social media post. Those pics once again went viral recently and people are once again showering here with criticism.

Singer who can reach notes the human ear can't

New York: American singer Tim Storms holds the Guinness Records for the "world's lowest note produced by a human", as well as for the "widest vocal range."

Tim Storms has always had a pretty deep voice. He was eight-year-old when he heard this Christian acapella group and found that he could sing the bass notes right along with it. But he never imagined that his voice would ever become the deepest ever measured, allowing him to hit notes lower than the frequency a human ear can detect.

Storms himself says that he can't hear the G-7 notes he is able to hit, but claims that he sort of feels it, and the special equipment used to test his deep voice have confirmed that he can indeed reach inaudible frequencies.

HEALTH CAPSULE

HERE'S HOW KIDNEYS PERFORM THEIR IMPORTANT WORK:

• Blood enters the kidneys through an artery from the heart • Blood is cleaned by passing through millions of tiny blood filters • Waste material passes through the ureter and is stored in the bladder as urine • Newly cleaned blood returns to the bloodstream by way of veins • Bladder becomes full and urine passes out of the body through the urethra. The kidneys perform their life-sustaining job of filtering and returning to the bloodstream about 200 litres of fluid every 24 hours. Approximately two litres are eliminated from the body in the form of urine, while the remainder, about 198 litres is retained in the body. The urine we excrete has been stored in the bladder for approximately one to eight hours.

By Dr. P.M. Uthappa - Nephrology

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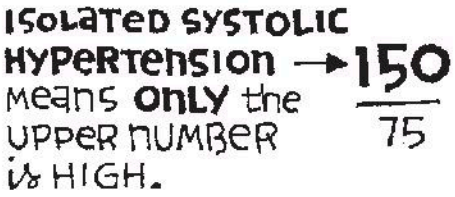


The upper number is called systolic blood pressure. It measures the force of your heart as it beats. The lower number, diastolic blood pressure, measures pressure as it rests between beats. Normal blood pressure is considered any number at or below 120 over 80.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 31	FEB. 1
Day's Positive Cases	53	13
Total Positive Cases	53,435	53,448
Day's Discharges	37	31
Total Discharges	52,180	52,211
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,025	1,025
Total Active Cases	229	211

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 29	JAN. 30
Target Beneficiaries	3,242	1,595
Target Achievement	1,264	552
Percentage Achieved	39.0	34.6
AEFI* Reported	0	0

Total Vaccinated till Jan. 30 — 33,445

NOTE: Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign-2021 Report as per COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination and Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), Mysuru. **** Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).*** *No vaccination till Feb. 3.*

REALLY...?

- ***There are some massive sports stadiums, but one is the biggest of them all. It's called the Rungrado 1st of May Stadium, and it's located in North Korea. It has a capacity of 1,14,000 people and hosts football games as well as a festival called Arirang comprising gymnastics and artistic games.***
- ***Vatican City is the smallest country in the world.***
- ***The prototype for a modern bathtub was made from an animal trough.***
- ***Cricket is the second most popular sport in the world.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

At an interview: "In the beginning, you'll be earning 20,000, later on it can go up to 40,000."

"OK, I'll come again later then !!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar = **Rs. 72.97**

1 UK Pound = **Rs.99.82**

1 UAE Dirham = **Rs. 19.87**

1 Euro = **Rs. 88.08**

VOICE OF THE READER

Make use of existing UGD line while laying new lines to improve flow capacity

Sir,

This has reference to the recent news item advising owners of residences to disconnect rain water from terrace from joining the UGD line as the latter is not designed to handle excessive flow during rainy season and other consequences thereof.

VVWW has recently awakened to the fact of too small size of UGD pipes laid some 30-odd years ago. Now they have started laying new pipes by the side of the existing pipeline. It is so much to be appreciated.

While so doing, they are abandoning the old line totally after the new line is laid and giving house connections to the new line. This is sheer waste of public money already invested in the old line.

It is my suggestion to allow functioning of both the lines wherever possible by connecting all the house outlets on one side of the road to the old line and the outlets from houses on the other side of the road to the new line. This way the through flow in each line is kept well within their capacity for long decades to come. Also the clogging and overflow cases could be considerably reduced.

It may even be possible to handle rain water from terrace, which cannot be disconnected even under the threat of imposing fine etc. Hope the authorities concerned will consider this suggestion.

—B.S. Shankara
Ramakrishnanagar
30.1.2021

Voluntary Blood Donation Camp marks Martyrs' Day

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Seshadripuram Degree College, NSS Unit and Youth Red Cross Unit in association with Blood Bank, K.R. Hospital, Mysuru and District AIDS Prevention Control Unit had organised a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp to commemorate the 'Martyrs Day' on Jan.30 in the College campus.

Dr. B.S. Manjunath, Blood Bank Officer, K.R. Hospital Blood Bank, who was the chief guest, emphasised the importance of blood donation, as there is an acute shortage of blood supply due to COVID pandemic situation in the world.

Stating that an individual can save three precious lives by donating blood, he gave a call for youngsters to come forward and donate blood regularly.

Dr. M.B. Suresh Coordinator, NSS Unit, University of Mysore, who was the guest of honour, suggested the students to participate actively in such camps.

Totally 80 units of blood was collected by the students, staff, public and the alumni on the occasion.

Prof. K. Sowmya Erappa, Principal, Seshadripuram Degree College, Hebbal Ring Road, Mysuru, along with teaching faculty members, non-teaching staff and students were present at the programme, according to a press release.

Seminar on Netaji, Vivekananda and Field Marshal K.M.Cariappa on Feb. 7

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (RKB&SSV)- A seminar in memory of Swami Vivekananda, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and Field Marshal K.M.Cariappa has been organised by Bharatiya Samskrutika Vikasa Vedike at Aradhya Mahasabha, JLB Road in city on Feb. 7 at 4 pm.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, S.E. Mahadevappa, Chief Patron of the Vedike, said the purpose of holding this seminar was to increase a sense of patriotism among the youths.

On Feb. 7 at 8.30 am, MLA Tanveer Sait will garland the statue of Vivekananda at Cheluvamba Park and MLA L.Nagendra will garland the bust of Field Marshal Cariappa at Metropole Circle. This will be followed by 'harmony' walk in city.

At 4 pm, former Minister C.H.Vijayashankar will inaugurate the seminar. Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji, Dr. Mathe Basavanjali Devi, Shanthivrathanandaji of Ramakrishna Ashram, Prof. Nilagiri M. Talwar and Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa will be present.

On this occasion, a specially-erected Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Maha Dhwara at Aradhya Sabha Bhavan will be inaugurated by Nagabhushanaradhya, writer Triveni Sabhangana (auditorium) will be opened by Dr. S.E. Mahadevappa and Appaneravanda Haradasa Appacha Kavi Vedike will be inaugurated by Appaneravanda Dr. Sonia Mandappa. Social worker Dr. K. Raghuram Vajpayee will preside. New office-bearers of Bharatiya Samskrutika Vikasa Vedike and Bhumika Bhavaikya Balaga will take oath.

Cancer Care Centres in all Govt. Medical Colleges: Minister

Bengaluru, Feb. 2 (KMS & SSV)- Cancer Care Centres will be opened in all Government Colleges across the State, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Replying to A. Devegowda (BJP) in the State Legislative Council yesterday, he said the Cancer Care Centres had been proposed in Tumakuru, Vijayapura, Hassan and Mandya Medical Colleges. Later, it would be established in other Medical Colleges, he said.

Due to increase in cancer patients, it has been proposed to open Divisional-level Cancer Hospitals. Around 65,000 people were becoming cancer patients every year and Bengaluru's Kidwai Memorial Cancer Hospital was offering best treatment to patients. A peripheral Cancer Centre of Kidwai Hospital had been opened in Kalaburagi. Administrative approval had been received to open such a Centre in Tumakuru and tender process has started, he added.

"COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted film industry in India"

Kandaswamy Bharathan, Executive Producer of award-winning films like *Roja, Annamalai,* delivers Distinguished Lecture Series at MYRA

A group photo of MYRA School students and staff with the Distinguished Speaker.

Kandaswamy

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Kandaswamy Bharathan, Joint Managing Director - Kavithalayaa, delivered a talk at the MYRA School of Business here on Jan. 25 as part of their "Distinguished Lecture Series."

Kandaswamy Bharathan was the Executive Producer of award-winning films such as *Roja, Annamalai, Saamy, Kuselan, Muthu* and many others. *Roja* launched the career of A.R. Rahman while *Muthu* was a massive success in Japan.

A Visiting Faculty at IIM-Ahmedabad and ISB-Hyderabad, Kandaswamy, who has designed very popular courses on the Indian Film Industry, said the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the film industry in India and added that *Netflix, Apple, Amazon Prime* and *Disney+* will likely play a large role in the future.

"These four big players are here to stay and they are currently hiring management graduates in huge numbers, particularly for marketing and customer-relationship management roles. Those who have experience in an FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) company will be at an advantage," he observed.

Next year, a course tentatively titled "The Past, Present and Future of the Indian Film Industry — a Business Perspective" will be offered to MYRA PGDM students as an elective.

As part of the course, students will analyse case-studies on Indian and International classics and blockbusters, discuss post-pandemic challenges and opportunities, and attend seminars with well-known names from the South Indian film-industry.

This elective will encourage MYRA students to apply their coursework (particularly in marketing, strategy, and HR subjects) to the film industry.

There is a lot of scope for management graduates to bring corporate-like discipline and professionalism to all creative industries, the speaker said.

"The Premier Studio tragedy was a big loss for the Mysuru film industry. This city has a lot of creative potential that is waiting to be tapped. Management courses like this can help revitalise the city's creative-community and help foster corporate-style discipline and problem-solving in the future," he noted.

NEWS BRIEFS

Best achiever award for yoga expert

Sri Veera Madakari Nayaka Yuva Balaga will be presenting Best Achiever Award (Shreshta Sadhaka Prashasti) to yoga expert N. Ananth at a programme organised near Nakshatra Complex, Narayana Shastri Road, today (Feb. 2) at 6.30 pm. On the occasion, notebooks will be distributed to needy students. Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited Chairman N.V. Phaneesh will inaugurate the event. District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal will preside. Congress youth leader M.N. Naveen Kumar and Suyog Hospital Chairman Dr. S.P. Yoganna will be the chief guests.

KDP meeting

The quarterly progress review meeting of Mysuru district Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) for 2020-21 will be held at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium in Zilla Panchayat (ZP) premises in city on Feb. 8 at 10.30 am. Co-operation and Mysuru District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar will preside, according to a press release.

Ph.D entrance exam results

University of Mysore (UoM) has announced the results of the Ph.D entrance exam held in the month of November 2020 on its website http://www.uni-mysore.ac.in on Jan. 29. Out of 2,596 candidates who appeared for the exam, 1,091 have cleared the entrance exam.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	115.13 feet
Yesterday	:	115.17 feet
Inflow	:	442 cusecs
Outflow	:	814 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.71 feet
Inflow	:	136 cusecs
Outflow	:	300 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.76 feet
Inflow	:	79 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

MLA urges Government to distribute agricultural land to SC, ST youths

Senior Journalist Ravindra Bhat and Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh lighting the lamp to inaugurate the Karnataka Unit of BPS at Kalamandira on Sunday.

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (PM&DM)- Maintaining that about 25 lakh acres (11.79 lakh hectares) of agricultural land in the State are left without cultivation, Kollegal MLA N. Mahesh urged the Government to distribute this unused land among educated SC/ ST community youths for encouraging agricultural activities.

He was speaking at the inauguration of the Karnataka Unit of Bharatiya Parivartana Sangha (BPS) at Kalamandira in city on Sunday.

Noting that according to available Government statistics, about 25 lakh acres of agricultural land is lying unused for years, Mahesh said that the Revenue Minister has cited shortage of labour for lessened agricultural activities.

Emphasising on the need for full and purposeful use of agricultural lands, he said that 90 percent of SC/ST community members are landless people. He reiterated that the Government should distribute the vast area of unused agricultural land among SC/ST community youths so that they can actively get involved in agricultural activities and thus come out of unemployment.

The Kollegal MLA also took a dig at the BJP Government saying that it is engaged in announcing useless programmes. Criticising the Government for introducing Anti-Cow Slaughter Bill and the Farm Laws, he maintained that the Government is being ill-advised on many issues.

Referring to the New Education Policy (NEP), Mahesh said that as an MLA he welcomes the Policy as it seeks to give a new dimension to our education system.

Noting that the NEP envisages that a student becomes economically self-reliant by the time he/she gets a degree, he said that there are many other factors in it that makes a student employable soon after completion of education.

He also wanted the Union Govt. to conduct all UPSC exams in regional languages as well, other than English and Hindi, as conduct of exams in Hindi was only helping candidates from North Indian States, while those from non-Hindi-speaking States are left disadvantaged.

Senior Journalist Ravindra Bhat, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that construction of schools in villages was more important than the construction of temples.

Pointing out that farmers, who are up in arms against the Union Government, have been protesting at New Delhi borders for over two months now seeking repeal of the newly introduced three Farm Laws, Bhat said that it would not be surprising if unemployed youths who are frustrated for long, lay siege to the National Capital seeking jobs.

BPS leader Dr. Srinivas delivered a talk on 'The current problems of India and solutions' while columnist Dr. K.C. Raghu spoke about the concepts of change. Bengaluru's Akka iAS Academy Director Dr. Shivakumar, BPS State leaders Prof. Hariram, Venkataraju, Sosale Siddaraju and others were present during the event.

MP and MLA draw lots to allot house numbers for JnNURM beneficiaries

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (RKB&DM)- MP Pratap Simha and Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra allotted house numbers through draw of lots to beneficiaries of JnNURM (Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission) at a programme organised at Bamboo Bazar on Sunday.

The draw of lots was held for allotment of house numbers to 252 families living in the slum adjacent to the Railway track passing through Yadavagiri and slum dwellers of Saw Mill area at Bamboo Bazar, for whom the Karnataka Slum Development Board has built houses under JnNURM scheme at Kesare Survey Nos. 484/1 and 484/2.

The slum dwellers at both the locations were living in huts/ sheds/ thatched houses for the past 30 years, without proper civic amenities such as drinking water, electricity and sanitation.

Taking note of the plight of these slum-dwellers who were living in deplorable conditions, the Government built houses for them at Kesare with all civic amenities such as power, drinking water, sanitation, drainage etc. The Kesare housing block also has a park, a Community Hall and Anganwadi Centre.

Speaking after the draw of lots, MLA L. Nagendra said those beneficiaries who participated in the draw of lots can collect their allotted numbers from the office of the Karnataka Slum Development Board located near Highway Circle, upon submission of necessary documents.

He further said that all the beneficiaries who were allotted house numbers in the draw of lots have been asked to vacate their sheds or dwellings within ten days, for which the authorities have already served a notice to them. The beneficiaries, after vacating their dwellings at the two slums, can move to the houses allotted to them at Kesare in accordance with the house number they have got, he added.

MCC Ward 18 Corporator B.V. Ravindra, BJP leaders Somashekar Raju, Dinesh Gowda, Kiran Bolar, Venkataramu, Murugesh, IOC Dealer S.K. Dinesh, Slum Board EE Harish, AEE Ramachandra, MCC Development Officer Yogananda and others were present.

Commercial Outlets to come up at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry premises

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (RK&BCT)- The vacant space at century-old spacious Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road will be utilised by the District Administration to build commercial complexes to the eastern side.

Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri visited the Choultry last Sunday evening and gathered information about the available space in the Choultry from Manager Satish. Inspecting the campus, the DC opined that as the Choultry is a heritage structure, multi-storeyed buildings cannot come up anywhere in the compound that would mar the beauty of heritage structure.

Several departments have appealed to the District Administration regarding the vacant space in the Choultry that extends to 10 acres. If commercial complexes are constructed without violating the heritage guidelines, the income generated out of rent could be used to develop and maintain the Choultry, the DC said.

Thirteen commercial outlets can be constructed from Mangaluru Garage till the Nandini Milk Booth in front of Sri Amruteshwara Temple. The DC asked the officials from Nirmithi Kendra to submit a proposal for commercial complex works with the estimated costs.

The Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry was built 150 years ago and earlier it was maintained by the Municipal Administration. At present, it is managed by Sri Nanjaraja Bahadur Chhatra Managing Committee that has been constituted under the Muzrai Department. The Choultry was built with an intention to provide affordable accommodation to thousands of tourists who visit city.

The entire 10-acre Choultry land is owned by the State Government. Some portions are leased out to commercial establishments and one acre of land has been granted by the previous State Government headed by Siddharamaiah to build a hostel for Maharani's College.

The land houses King's Kourt Hotel, Information Department, Mayura Hotel owned by the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), a Garage, three service stations-cum-petrol pumps, a beauty parlour and an old weighbridge. There are a few houses that have been occupied by the members of State Government Employees Association.

As per sources, the District Administration has plans to mop-up the revenue of the Choultry by constructing the commercial outlets. The DC also asked the Nirmithi Kendra officials to send a proposal to repair the Choultry.

War Memorial at Mysuru: Granite stone arrives from Chamarajanagar

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (MTY&BCT)- A truck load of black granite stone meant for a War Memorial in city was transported from a quarry in Chamarajanagar on Sunday. The stones have been cut and refined and were brought to Mysuru in a 14-wheeled truck.

The Memorial will be constructed at the five-acre Public Park (previously a Parade Ground) adjacent to the Deputy Commissioner's Office which is right in front of NCC Group Headquarters. The Memorial per se will come up at a plot measuring 40 x 40 feet inside the erstwhile Parade Ground.

The black granite stone that has been procured from a quarry in Chamarajanagar is owned by H.M. Puttamadaiah who has generously donated the 33 cubic metre stone that is worth over Rs. 65 to Rs. 70 lakh.

The stones have been refined and cut and polished to suit the requirement of the Memorial by the owners of SVG Granites Srinath Reddy and Sudarshan Reddy. This work, estimated to cost over Rs. 10 lakh, too was done free of cost.

Notably, the stones were transported from the quarry to Mysuru by Mohammad Rahim of Heera Transport in a 14-wheeled truck and he did not charge any money for it. The second batch of stones will arrive in Mysuru on Feb. 3.

The stones have now been shifted to an open ground near the DC Office. Before the stones were loaded by a crane after cutting and polishing, pujas were performed. Chamarajanagar Additional DC C.L. Ananda (now transferred) visited the loading site and examined the quality of the stones. Ananda, an ex-serviceman himself, as the Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru, had taken up the cause of the Memorial and had completed the necessary process and through the Mysuru District Administration had sent the proposal to the State Government.

Woman killed as bus runs over

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (RK&KS)- A 28-year-old woman was killed on the spot, when a KSRTC bus reportedly ran over her near K.R. Mills Colony on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway yesterday afternoon.

The deceased is Venkatamma, daughter of Krishnaiah and a resident of Kyathamaranahalli in city. Yesterday afternoon, Venkatamma, who was riding pillion with one Karthik riding the bike, was proceeding towards Srirangapatna, when a KSRTC bus hit the bike from behind at about 1.25 pm near K.R. Mills Colony.

While Karthik fell along with the bike on the left side, Venkatamma fell on the right side and the rear wheel of the bus ran over her killing her on the spot, according to eye witnesses.

N.R. Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem.

Luckily, as Karthik (of Mandya) fell towards the left side, he escaped miraculously without a scratch. The body of Venkatamma was handed over to her family members after post-mortem.

N.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case, have seized both the vehicles and are investigating.

Budding hockey player killed in jeep-bike collision

Napoklu (Kodagu), Feb. 2- A budding hockey player was killed in a head-on collision between his bike and a jeep on Kakkabe-Nelaji junction last evening. The deceased is Dilan (24), son of Sweeta Pemmaiah and Kakkabe Gram Panchayat former President Pramila Pemmaiah.

Yesterday evening, Dilan was proceeding on his bike (KA-12-U-2172) from Nelaji towards Kakkabe, when a jeep coming from Kakkabe towards Nelaji collided head-on with the bike resulting in Dilan sustaining serious injuries. Though Dilan was being rushed to a hospital in Napoklu, he succumbed to injuries mid way.

Napoklu Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Obituary

Y.S. Subramanya

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Y.S. Subramanya (75), recipient of the President's Best Teacher Award and a native of Mysuru, passed away on Jan. 31 at his residence in Bengaluru.

He leaves behind his wife Shylaja, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed in Bengaluru, according to family sources.

Subramanya had served for 36 years as a Mathematics teacher at St. Philomena's High School and had settled in Bengaluru after retirement. He had published more than 40 books on Devatha Stotra of Adi Shankaracharya, Science and Mathematics. He used to donate a majority portion of his pension for the welfare of students in Mysuru and used to participate in Pratibha Puraskar functions, organised by his close friends in Mysuru every year.

CESC: Awareness Week

Nanjangud, Feb. 2- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), Nanjangud Division, is organising 'Arivu Saptaha' (Awareness Week) from Feb. 3 till Feb. 9 at the following CESC units coming under Nanjangud Division:

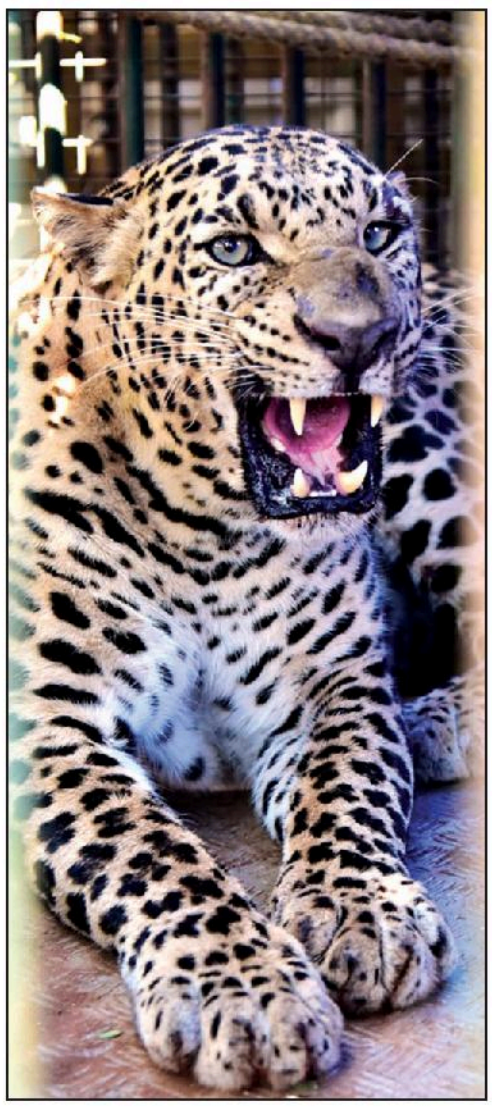
Nanjangud town, Hullahalli, T. Narsipur town and Bannur town on Feb. 3; Suttur, Chandrawadi, Sosale and Ketupura on Feb. 4; Tandavapura, Hura, Talakad and Tumbla on Feb. 5; Sindhuvallipura, Tagaduru, Madapura and Chamanahalli on Feb. 6; Kalale, Badanavalu, Muguru and Madigahalli on Feb. 8 and at Hadinaru on Feb. 9. Power consumers are requested to participate and air their grievances, according to a press release.

e-auction of horti crops

Mysuru, Feb. 2- The Horticulture Department has invited tenders for e-auctioning / public auctioning of coconut crop grown at Varanchi Horticultural Farm and Karimuddanahalli Horticultural Farm, Hunsur taluk (from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2021) as well as Sapota grown at Rangasamudra Horticultural Farm, Hunsur taluk (from Jan. 1 to June 30). Interested parties can submit tender application forms online from Feb. 1 to Feb. 16.

Leopard walks into cage, gets trapped

Villagers lend helping hand to shift the cage



H.D. Kote, Feb. 2 (Srinidhi&KS)- Villagers of Nayakanahundi, thronged in large numbers, not only to have a glimpse of the leopard, which had walked into the cage and got trapped in the wee hours of today, but also to lend a helping hand to the Forest Department staff in shifting the cage.

The six-year-old leopard was seen at Holehundi, Kodaralimara, Siddaramanahundi, Madapura Hand Post, Kolagala villages surrounding H.D. Kote since 15 days and yesterday evening, it had killed a goat at Nayakanahundi. Yesterday night, the Forest Department staff had placed a cage at a field in Nayakanahundi and had placed the half devoured goat inside the cage as bait. This morning at about 2.30, the leopard walked into the cage and was trapped.

As soon as the news of the leopard trapped in the cage spread, villagers thronged the spot to have a glimpse of the feline and helped the Forest Department staff to place the cage on the vehicle, following which the cage was shifted to the Hand Post Forest Office. Sources said that the leopard would be released into Nagarahole Forest.

H.D. Kote Range Forest Officer (RFO) Shalini, Deputy Range Forest Officer (DRFO) Savitha, Forest Guard Surendra, H.D. Kote Circle Inspector Puttaswamy and other officials were present.

Exhibitors to stop movie-screening

if distributors reject profit-sharing formulae

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (MTY&SSV)- Owners of the single screen theatres have threatened to stop screening of movies across the State, in case film distributors and producers fail to agree to Tamil Nadu-based formulae on profit sharing, said R.R. Odugoudar, President, Karnataka Film Exhibitors' Federation.

Addressing a news conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city this morning, he said that the theatres have suffered huge loss due to closure of cinema halls for over seven to eight months due to COVID-19. After re-opening, people were not coming to cinemas out of fear. In 2004-05, there were 1,800 single screen movie halls in Karnataka, and now it has reduced to 589. On the other hand, the number of single screen theatres was increasing in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Recently, a meeting was held in which movie distributors agreed to implement the Tamil Nadu model on profit sharing but took a U-turn within two days saying that they would stick to weekly rental basis. Instead of conveying their decision in person, they announced their decision through media, he added.

Odugoudar said the Exhibitors Federation had been telling time and again that running theatres was no longer a profitable venture due to huge expenditure. They were asking distributors and producers to share their agony in the current crisis. In the interest of saving the Kannada film industry, the Federation has recommended a new system which was beneficial to all. Accordingly, if the film nets income is 75 percent to 100 percent, 35 percent must be given to exhibitors and 65 percent be kept by producers/ distributors; in case it is between 50-74 percent, 45 percent should be given to exhibitors and 55 percent to producers/distributors; if it is in the range of 30-49 percent, 70 percent must be given to exhibitors and 30 percent to producers/distributors, and if it between 1-29 percent, then 80 percent must be given to theatres and 20 percent to producers/distributors.

Shopping Complex

Federation Vice-President M.R. Rajaram said single screen theatres, started by their forefathers, were becoming costly affair to the owners as they were unable to pay electricity bill, staff salary and various taxes. At one time, there were 21 single screen theatres but now only 11 remain; of which, 2 or 3 were on the verge of closure. If this trend continues, cinema halls would be converted into shopping complexes soon, he warned.

Free health camp held

Mysuru, Feb. 2- A free heath check-up camp was organised by H.S. Sandhya Suresh in association with Inner Wheel Club of Mysore Midtown, under the guidance of Dr. R.N. Suresha, at Gayathri Clinic, #287, 6th Cross, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Mysuru, on Jan. 30 from 3 pm to 8 pm.

The camp included free consultation, free distribution of medicines for 15 days to diabetic patients, free ECG check-up, pulse oximeter, free Blood Glucose estimation, weight check-up and BP measurement. The camp was jointly inaugurated by H.V. Rajeev, Chairman, MUDA, N.V. Phaneesh, Chairman, Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited, Sandhya Suresh, EC Member, Innner Wheel Midtown, Rashmi Kavery, President, Innner Wheel Midtown, Dr. R.N. Suresh, Gayathri Clinic, Mysuru and all Members of Inner Wheel Midtown.

A total of 56 members of the public benefited from the camp.

Story-telling at Kalasuruchi

Mysuru, Feb. 2- As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-686,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling for children by B. Balakrishnaiah, retd. Teacher, Bogadi, Mysuru, on Feb. 6 from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm at Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2541795 or Mob: 99728-29130 or 92435-81097 or 78929-24419.

Sample survey underway in city to elicit people's views on COVID-19 vaccines

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (PM&SSV)- To elicit people's opinion about the two vaccines, Covaxin and Covishield approved by Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for emergency recently, the students and staff of Department of Community Medicine, Government Medical College, Mysuru, have taken up a sample survey in city.

"We have taken up this sample survey in Nazarbad area which has a population of 44,000 people. Opinion of each person is recorded. This survey is only for research purpose," Dr. Mudassir Azeez Khan, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, told *SOM*.

He said the ongoing survey was purely for education and research purposes. As many as 25 Health Inspectors, two post-graduate students and ASHA volunteers are involved in this survey. They would daily meet at a point, hold a small meeting and make separate groups to visit the houses.

On an average, these teams would cover around 100 houses daily. Each team has been given a questionnaire to be filled up by volunteers on the basis of answers given by residents.

During the sample survey in Nazarbad, we found that nearly 60 percent of people are ready to take vaccine whenever it is made available to them, and 40 percent are scared due to its side effects. The sample survey in Nazarbad is likely to be completed by this month. The sample survey in other areas will be taken up thereafter, he added.

Dr. Khan, who is also the Nodal Officer for COVID-19 Vaccination on behalf of Medical Education Department, said that his Department works on guidelines of World Health Organisation (WHO) as its basic motto is creating awareness on community health programmes.

Apart from collecting details, the health volunteers will also explain about safety and efficacy of two vaccines. "According to our survey among healthcare workers, around 68 percent had agreed to take the shot and the rest did not out of fear and efficacy of the vaccine. In the State, around 45 percent to 50 percent of healthcare staff has taken COVID-19 vaccination", he noted.

Dr. Mudassir Azeez Khan, Head, Department of Community Medicine, briefing the students this morning.

HC directs State to file objections by Feb. 18

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The Counsel, representing the MRC, sought time to clarify whether under the leasehold rights it has any provision to further sub-lease the property. The Bench granted time to the State Government to file a statement of objections till Feb. 18 and no further time would be granted.

Bengaluru-based advocate, S. Umapathi has filed a PIL stating that 139.39 acres of land in Survey Number 4 and 74 in Kurubarahalli, Mysuru, was leased out in favour of Mysore Race Club in 1970. The lease was renewed from time to time and eventually expired in 2016. Since then the MRC was reportedly occupying the land without the renewal of the lease, the PIL stated.

The petitioner had contended that the State Government suffered loss by way of lower rent on the Government land and claimed that the grant of land was without any public interest and benefited only a few rich and influential persons.

Polio drops drive continues

Dr. L. Ravi, Reproductive and Child Health Officer, administering polio drops to a baby at Ghousianagar in city this morning as it had missed immunisation held on last Sunday. The Pulse Polio immunisation which began on Jan. 31 will continue till Feb. 3.

Jodi Tenginamara Road turns into lorry stand !

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Nearly 300 loads of ration and fertilisers have arrived by goods trains, Shahid said adding that it has become difficult to transport the same and added that an appeal has been made to TAPCMS authorities to allow the remaining trucks stuck inside the gate to go out so that they could transport ration and fertilisers.

Pointing out that the TAPCMS authorities have now given 10 days time to vacate the place, Shahid said that as of now, nearly 250 trucks are parked on the roadside and if the trucks numbering more than 100, which are still in TAPCMS parking area come out, where can they be parked as parking on roadside would cause disruption in movement of vehicles.

Stating that there was space to park trucks near Gumnam Shahwali Dargah at Mysuru New Goods Terminal (MNGT) belonging to Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Shahid said that if the authorities provide facilities such as light, water, toilets and connecting road, the trucks could be parked there.

TAPCMS President clarifies

Meanwhile, TAPCMS President Chethan said that developmental works are to be taken up at the said parking space for which funds have been sanctioned by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD). Hence the lease has not been renewed and a notice was served and a flex with a message asking lorry owners and drivers to vacate the place before Jan. 31 was also put up.

He further said that following the decision taken in TAPCMS Board meeting, the gate was locked yesterday and added that opportunity would be given to allow trucks that are parked inside the gate to go out but trucks cannot enter the parking space.

Dacoits held

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Police got the first breakthrough when they arrested Sharath who was the gang leader. From him they elicited information about other members of the gang. Though their identities were established, it was difficult to track them.

The Police then relied on the technical team that tracked the phone tower locations. Finally the arrests were made. The Police are on the lookout for the absconding three gang members.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) Geetha Prasanna led the operation with the direction of City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and DCP (Law and Order) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda.

ACP Poornachandra, Inspector D. Manjunath, SI Rangaswamy, Probationary SI Chandrashekar, ASI Shanthakumar, Head Constables V. Ramesh, Maheshwar, Nataraj, Manjunath and Sridhar, Constables Sunil Kumar and Ravi were part of the operation along with Manjunath, Kumar, Shyam and Aradhya of the technical team.

Devaraja Traffic Police hold road safety awareness

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (MK&KS)- Devaraja Traffic Police, as part of the 32nd National Road Safety Month-2021, conducted a programme in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the North Gate of Mysore Palace to create awareness about road safety on Sunday.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP)-Traffic Sandesh Kumar, who inaugurated the programme, distributed handbills containing traffic rules to autorickshaw drivers.

Speaking on the occasion, the ACP said that more than 1.5 lakh people die in road accidents in the country every year and added that what would be the fate of the family members if the bread-winner of the family dies.

Pointing out that motorists drive or ride vehicles with family problems in mind and forget to concentrate while on road, the ACP said that this was leading to many road accidents besides stating that majority of youths speak over mobile phones while riding and perform wheelie for fun, which is also one of the reasons for accidents.

On the occasion, a short film on the reasons for accidents taking place, precautions to be taken while riding and driving vehicles and rules to be followed was screened.

Devaraja Traffic Inspector N. Muniyappa, Narasimharaja Traffic Inspector Prasanna Kumar, Krishnaraja Traffic Inspector D. Basavaraju, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Aruna Kumari, Sub-Inspector Lepaksha, Assistant Sub-Inspectors Rangaswamy Gowda and Prakash and Kiran Kashyap and Mahesh of Mandovi Motors were present.

422 killed, 1,705 injured in road accidents from 2018 to 2020

In Mysuru city, 422 people have lost their lives and 1,705 people injured, according to the statistics of 2018, 2019 and 2020. In 2018, 151 were killed and 598 injured; 2019: 149 killed and 643 injured and in 2020: 122 people lost their lives and 464 people were injured.

'Install busts of Kittur Rani Chennamma & Sri Shivakumara Swamiji in Mysuru'

Veera Vanite Rani Chennamma Swayam Seva Sangha urges State Government

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (SPN&SD)- Marking 192nd death anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma and second-year death anniversary of Siddaganga Seer Dr. Sri Shivakumara Swamiji, Veera Vanite Rani Chennamma Swayam Seva Sangha had organised a programme at its office premises here on Sunday.

Newly appointed President and office-bearers for various Boards and Corporations were felicitated and newoffice-bearers were installed on the occasion.

Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner D.B. Natesh addressed the gathering and fondly remembered the contribution of Kittur Rani Chennamma in freedom struggle. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunatha Swamy also spoke on the occasion.

Later, Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy, ZAK Member Jyothi Revanna, Karnataka State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Director S. Mahadevaswamy, Karnataka State Women and Child Development Corporation Director S. Renuka Raj, Mysuru District Minister's Personal Assistant S. Mahadevappa and Sangha's new President L.V. Lokesh Kumar were felicitated.

Sangha Members urged the Government to install busts of Kittur Rani Chennamma and Sri Shivakumara Swamiji in Mysuru and submitted a memorandum to the ADC.

Sangha Vice-Presidents K.V. Mallesh and K. Vasanthakumar, General Secretary Ayarahalli P. Virupaksha, Secretaries L. Mallikarjunaswamy, M. Manjunath, M.S. Uma, Chief Convenor K.S. Mahadevaprasad, Legal Advisor C.K. Rudramurthy, Treasurer S.M. Suresh and others were present during the programme.

Theatre artistes support farmers' protest; stage street play in city

Set aside your self-interest and accept farmers demands: Prof. Aravind Malagatti

Artistes of Samudaya theatre troupe, Bengaluru, staging a play near Dufferin Clock Tower in Mysuru on Sunday.

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (PM&SD)- Nele Hinnele, Mysuru, in association with Samudaya, Bengaluru, presented a street play titled 'Olitu Maadu Manusa... Corona Sandarbhada Thallanagalu' at various locations in city on Sunday.

Prof. Aravind Malagatti inaugurated the event at Dufferin Clock Tower by beating the drums and urged the Government to set aside its self-interest and accept farmers' demands.

"Banging plates and lighting lamps would not defeat Coronavirus. Instead, we should take all necessary precautionary measures and this is the lesson we have learnt from this pandemic. The Corona has devastated the life of farmers but because of in-built immunity of Indians, we have won the war against this pandemic. Indian food itself has all the healing properties and medicinal benefits," he said.

Later, Samudaya theatre troupe, comprising of 12 theatre artistes, staged the play near Dufferin Clock Tower, then in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate and near Padma Theatre.

Former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan, theatre artiste S.R. Ramesh, Workers Union leader L. Jagannath, artistes Devananda Varaprasad, K.R. Gopalakrishna of Nele Hinnele and others were present during the occasion.

N'gud Taluk Office woman staff booked for obstruction of duty

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (MK&DM)- The Lakshmipuram Police have booked a case against a woman Government D-Group employee of Nanjangud for obstructing work at the Deputy Commissioner's office here and also threatening to file a sexual harassment case against officials.

Madhu, a D-Group employee serving at Nanjangud Taluk Office, is the one who has been booked by the Police for her alleged outrageous behaviour.

Madhu is accused of displaying abusive behaviour against Shirastedar Badarinarayan at the DC office on Jan. 30 and also threatening to commit suicide after leaving behind a death note blaming sexual harassment by officials for her death.

A complaint lodged with the jurisdictional Lakshmipuram Police said that Madhu, after displaying offensive behaviour, entered the ADC's chamber and threatened to tear away her clothes and lodge a sexual harassment case if she was not immediately transferred from Nanjangud to the DC's office here.

This apart, Madhu intruded the DC office at 9.45 pm the same day and stayed there throughout the night, when she had a verbal altercation with the Control Room staff and the Police who arrived at the spot to convince her. She also attempted to assault the staff and tried to destroy Government records, the complaint said.

The complaint further said that Madhu, who had come to the DC office earlier on Jan. 27 too, got engaged in a verbal duel with Shirastedar Suresh Kumar.

She had threatened to charge Suresh Kumar with seeking money, if she was not transferred to the Deputy Commissioner's office at Mysuru. She had also warned of staging an indefinite stir at the ADC's office chamber itself if she was not immediately transferred to Mysuru.

Based on the complaint, Lakshmipuram Police have booked a case against her under IPC Sections 353 (Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of his duty), 448 (Punishment for house-trespass) and 426 (Punishment for mischief).

Residents protest over setting up of waste disposal facility at Sathagalli

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (PM&SD)- The residents of Sathagalli and surrounding places staged a protest yesterday morning against disposal of waste in the 19.9 acre land adjacent to Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) Regional Centre at Sathagalli Layout and urged the authorities to construct a stadium on the said land.

The protestors said that the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had handed over the said land to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) for setting up of waste disposal facility and added that it was unscientific to set up the facility close to residential areas, college and hostels as it would pollute and spoil the environment. Everyday, a large number of people use this road and many residents of surrounding areas such as Manasi Nagar, Hanchya, BSNL Layout use the service road along the Ring Road for their morning and evening walks.

Considering that a number of Police personnel, who had taken part in the operation to nab Veerappan were also residing in this area, setting up of a waste disposal facility and dumping of waste materials here would pave way for spread of epidemics and other ecological issues for them, the protestors claimed.

The protestors also said that there is Kaadanakatte Lake in the said land, which is filled with water and used by many. As of now, the residents were facing problems of illegal activities, menace of pigs and fear of burglars, which would only increase if the waste disposal facility is set up, they added.

Zilla Panchayat member Madegowda, Hanchya Gram Panchayat member Jayanna, retired Sub-Inspector D.R. Jayaswamy, residents Naviluru Rangaswamy, Prakash, Raju and others took part in the protest.

MYMUL elections on Feb. 28; political activities pick up

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (SBD & BCT)- Elections to the prestigious MYMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Ltd.) will be held on Feb. 28. On this day, the new administrative board will be chosen and already many behind-the-scenes activities are being witnessed to take control of the milk producing body.

Though the term of the present management ended on Sept. 14 last year, elections could not be held due to COVID-19 pandemic. Now that the date has been announced for the elections, political developments with twists and turns are coming to centrestage.

In 2015, elections were held for the posts of nine Directors of MYMUL and S. Siddegowda, K.G. Mahesh, A.T. Somashekar, K.S. Kumar, K. Eeregowda, Dakshaayani, Leela, P.M. Prasanna and K.C. Balaram were elected.

In 2019, nominated member and BJP leader S.C. Ashok, a relative of CM Yediyurappa was all set to occupy the post of MYMUL President but in a twist, Mavinahalli Siddegowda, a long-time Director of MYMUL was elected President.

In a major twist to elections in August 2019, Ashok withdrew his nomination just hours before the poll was to commence, thus paving the way for the unanimous election of Siddegowda as President. Moreover, Siddegowda is a close associate of MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD).

Devegowda, which ever political party he is affiliated with, has a strong influence in cooperative sector in Mysuru region and he has ensured that his supporters win the elections for cooperative bodies like Mysuru District Cooperative Union, Mysuru Taluk Agricultural Produce Market Committee (APMC), Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central Bank (MCDCC) Bank and Janata Bazaar.

Now GTD's son G.D. Harish Gowda, who is the President of MCDCC Bank and Vice-President of Apex Bank is exerting his influence in the sector to elect people loyal to him and his father.

Meanwhile, K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh too is formulating strategies to elect loyalists to MYMUL and has held a series of meetings with his supporters in Mysuru. Sources said that he is finalising the names of candidates and another meeting will be held soon.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also the Minister for Cooperation, too has taken MYMUL elections seriously and wants maximum BJP supporters to win the election that has become a prestige issue.

The schedule for election will be out soon and if sources are to be believed, the nomination process will begin from Feb. 15 and polls will be held on Feb. 28 from 8 am to 4 pm. Results are likely by 7 pm.

Railway employees stage demo ahead of Union Budget

Mysuru, Feb. 2 (PM&SD)- Opposing the move to privatise the Railways and fulfilment of various demands, the members of South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (Hubballi), Mysuru Division, staged demonstration and observed the day as 'Call Attention Day' yesterday in front of the Office of Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) here, ahead of Union Budget presentation by the Finance Minister.

Over sixty Railway employees participated in the protest, shouted slogans and urged the Centre to withdraw its decision to corporatise Railway Production Units, stop privatisation and outsourcing of permanent and perennial jobs.

They also sought immediate release of three instalments of DA / DR due to the Central Government Employees, withdrawal of NPS as well as restoration of the guaranteed defined pension under CCS Pension Rules. Later, the Union members submitted a memorandum to the Railway officials.

South Western Railway Mazdoor Union (Hubballi), Mysuru Division, Divisional President S. Somashekar, Secretary P. Shivaprakash, office-bearers Arthur Fernandes and others took part in the protest condemning the Centre's move.

Guest lecturers to take out rally in Bengaluru on Feb.4

Mysuru, Feb.2- Guest lecturers of the city, under the banner of Karnataka Degree Colleges Guest Lecturers State Co-ordination Committee, will take out a rally in Bengaluru on Feb.4 in protest against the revilement of 50 percent serving Guest Lecturers during the new academic year (2020-21) citing COVID-19 austerity measures and other issues.

The rally will commence from KSR Bengaluru Railway Station (Majestic) at 11 am on Feb.4 and will terminate at Freedom Park, where a dharna will be held for some time.

For more details, call Mob: 92429-41216 or 93429-70670, according to a press release.

Fossil fuel vehicles to be extinct in 10 years

Lithium Battery Plants to come up in Chikkaballapur and Hubballi

Bengaluru, Feb. 2 (SSV)- Two lithium battery manufacturing plants will be set up in Chikkaballapur and Hubballi to promote the use of e-vehicles and reduce air pollution, said Deputy Chief Minister Dr. C.N. Ashwathnarayan. Speaking after launching the e-vehicle rally organised by Rotary Club at Vidhana Soudha here on Friday, he said the State was preparing an exemplary energy policy.

The State has implemented the e-vehicle policy in 2018 itself, for the first time in the country. Discount has been given to consumers and Rs. 5 per unit is being charged in place of Rs. 9 per unit, which was the rate of electricity for commercial usage.

"The days are not far off when automobile industries manufacture vehicles without fuel tanks and batteries. Consumers can avail pre-charged batteries on hiring basis. To make this a reality, 'Battery Banks' would be set up across the State on the lines of petrol bunks. This would also make e-vehicles much cheaper," he added.

Growing sector

Dr. Ashwathnarayan said the 'e-vehicle' manufacturing sector is growing at a rapid pace and this may make petrol/diesel driven vehicles extinct in a decade. The State Government is encouraging this sector and BESCOM has been made to work as the nodal agency for establishing more number of charging stations. The BESCOM has already set up 150 charging stations and has been collaborated with NTPC to establish another 150 such stations in its limits.

WORD OF THE DAY

Optimization

Pronunciation: ahp-tuh-muh-ZAY-shun.

Meaning: An act, process, or methodology of making something (such as a design, system, or decision) as fully perfect, functional, or effective as possible; specifically: the mathematical procedures (such as finding the maximum of a function) involved in this.

Origin: Optimization started its gradual perfection in mid-19th-century English, when it was derived from optimize, a word first used in the early part of that same century with the meaning "to make the best or most of." In basic applications, optimization refers to the act or process of making something as good as it can be. In the 21st century, it has seen much use in technical contexts having to do with attaining the best possible functionality, as in "network optimization" and "search engine optimization" (SEO). Like the words optimum and optimism (which refer, respectively, to the amount or degree of something that is best or most effective, and to a feeling or belief that good things will happen in the future), optimize and optimization derive from Latin optimus, meaning "best."

Example: "A writer who is unfamiliar with writing for websites and SEO (search engine optimization) would do well to learn the basic principles. These include where and how to use keywords, how to structure sentences and paragraphs, and how to link to other websites." — SFGate.

THE ODD WORD

Occamy

Alloy imitating gold or silver.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

On cloud nine

Meaning: A person is feeling happy or delighted.

Origin: The phrase "on cloud nine" possibly comes from meteorologists, who sometimes classified different types of clouds by using numbers. The number given to a cloud was apparently dependent on its altitude. So, for example, a cloud given a 9 meant that it was high up, whereas a cloud given a smaller number indicated it was lower down. Something along those lines. Anyways, in comparison to other commonly used phrases, this one in particular doesn't look that old. It's earliest appearance (that I know of) is in the Denton Record Chronicle, May 1949. To give some context for the following quote, a woman named Betty Hutton was accepted for a movie role, so she describes her feelings with this expression: "Let's look in on Betty Hutton, who says she is hovering 'on Cloud No Nine' these days."

QUOTE BOX

Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add colour to my sunset sky. **—Rabindranath Tagore**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

XLNC

Answer: Excellency.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Fresh and unfamiliar
4 Tax deducted at source, in short
7 Girl's name
10 Short journey
12 A poor man's humble dwelling
13 Sweat-gland
15 Family treasure
17 Long iron bar?
18 Lever for rowing
19 Batsman Virat ____
20 Tear into pieces (3,2)
23 Indian music form
25 Elderly or old
26 Fertilized egg
29 Maiden name prefix
30 Doze
31 Matterhorn for example?
33 Extremely sad
36 Female sheep
37 Night-flying insect
38 Nettle
39 Pacific island group
42 First ___ : para-medical help at an accident site?
43 In ___ of : instead?
44 Honoured as holy
49 ___ of Kutch : desert in Gujarat?
50 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
51 Telegram or cable
52 Air Data Tester, abbr.
53 Supplement with difficulty
54 A Bobbsey twin

DOWN

1 Degree of sorts
2 Previous to
3 Nintendo's gaming console
4 Norse deity
5 Pair
6 Scanning Tunnelling Microscope, abbr.
7 Commotion, hubbub
8 Yannick ___ : the French tennis star
9 Seed appendage
11 Snobbish
14 Samuel's teacher in the Good Book?
16 Track circuit
19 Secret police of erstwhile USSR
20 Moved fast
21 _ ___ it : I follow this? (1,3)
22 Look closely at
23 Stretch out
24 Unit of current
27 Open-mouthedly show boredom
28 Bread spread
30 Louse egg
32 "Gangnam Style" rapper
34 Total, quantity or sum
35 Panaji is its capital
36 Provide with
38 Be unwell or sick
39 Camera type
40 Amer Inst. of Aero. & Astro.
41 Repair or darn
42 Wings or winglike parts
44 Gardening tool
45 Bible boat
46 Be victorious
47 Age or epoch
48 Cub pack division

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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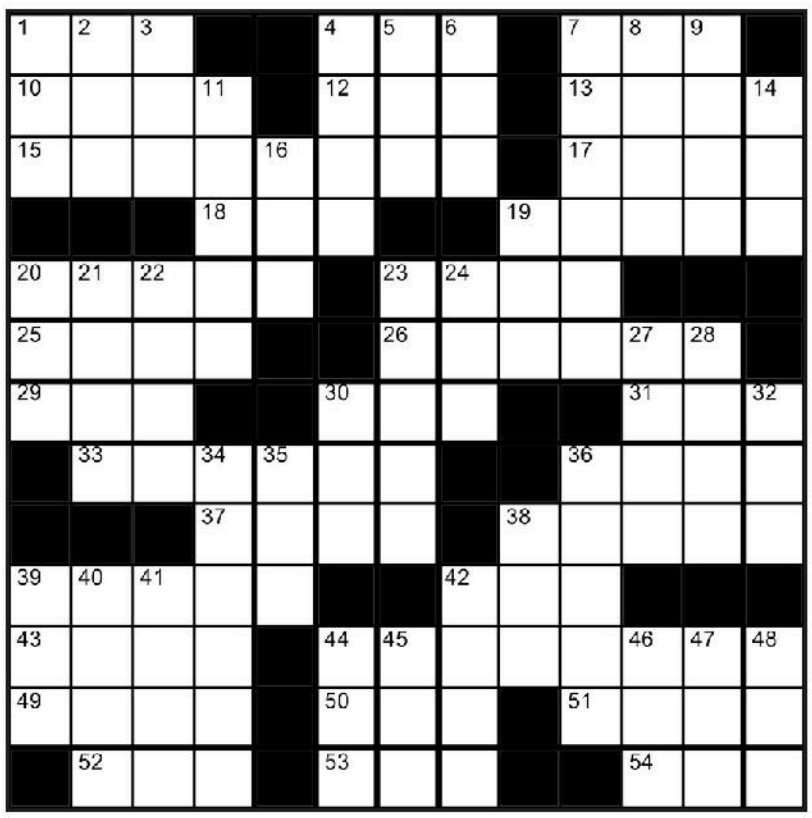

SUDOKO

7				4	1	8		
	4		5					
		3					6	
		9		1				
3			2		7			1
				9		4		
	3					9		
					6		5	
		5	3	8				6

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	1	9	3	6	5	8	4
3	9	8	4	7	5	6	1	2
5	4	6	8	2	1	3	7	9
1	3	2	7	5	8	9	4	6
8	5	4	2	6	9	7	3	1
7	6	9	1	4	3	2	5	8
4	2	3	6	1	7	8	9	5
9	1	5	3	8	2	4	6	7
6	8	7	5	9	4	1	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LDBG EDB LJEBA ABJTDBY EDB MHHBA

VBFBV, OKVVKL EDB AJEY

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To pretend, I actually do the thing: I have therefore only pretended to pretend.

Post-Matric Hostels

Mysuru, Feb. 2- The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited online applications from students belonging to Backward Classes and other communities for admission to Post-Matric Students Hostels for the year 2020-21.

The annual income of parents of students belonging to Category-1, SC and ST communities must not exceed Rs. 2.50 lakh and for those belonging to Category-2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, Backward Classes and other communities, should not exceed Rs. 1 lakh.

The list of taluk-wise hostels, documents required and other such details are available on Department website: *https://bcwd.karnataka.gov.in/*

Last date to apply is Feb. 10. If any technical problem surfaces while applying online, candidates can e-mail *[bcwd.hostels@karnataka.gov.in]* or contact the District or Taluk Officer, Backward Classes Welfare Department, along with all necessary documents.

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	(S-2)	10.30 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kabadadaari (Ta)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Mr and Miss (Te)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela (Te)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
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30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela? (Te)		
	(S-4)	11.50 am, 5.55 pm
		9.05 pm

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Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	3.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
30 Rojulla Preminchadam Ela (Te)	(S-2)	6.10 pm
	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
Master (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.00 pm,
		8.30 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-4)	2.55 pm, 8.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Mysuru athletes excel

at State-level Cross-Country Championship

MDAA Secretary B. Srikanth** (extreme left) **is seen with Mysuru athletes** (from left) — **M. Srijan, Varun, T.K. Bopanna, Shashank, Priyanka Gopi and T.K. Muthanna.

Mysuru, Feb. 2- Athletes, representing Mysore District Athletics Association (MDAA) in the 55th Karnataka State Cross-Country Championship-2021 organised by Kolar District Athletics Association, Kolar and Karnataka Athletics Association, at Kolar on Jan. 31, have excelled by winning medals in various categories.

While T.K. Bopanna secured gold medal in Boys U-16 category (2-km) and Priyanka Gopi secured silver medal in U-18 category (4-km), Nagesh Vittal Pawar won bronze in Men's category (10-km).

Apart from them, Bharath H. Girigowda and Varun won 6th and 7th place respectively in Boys U-16 and Asuthosh Pranesh won 7th place in Boys U-20 (8-km) category.

Nagesh Pawar** **Asuthosh** **Bharath

Also, Mysuru district secured Team Championship in Boys U-16 category, according to a press release.

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Jamshedpur FC snap 5-match winless run

Registers narrow victory against Odisha

Today's Match (Feb. 2)

EAST BENGAL
Vs
BENGALURU
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 3)

KERALA BLASTERS
Vs
MUMBAI CITY
GMC Stadium, Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result

ODISHA - 0
Lose to
JAMSHEDPUR - 1

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Gaurav Bora (Odisha FC) attempts to head the ball during a Hero ISL match against Jamshedpur FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim yesterday.

Bambolim, Feb. 2- Jamshedpur FC climbed two spots in the 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) standings after a 1-0 win over Odisha FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim, Goa, yesterday.

Mohammad Mobashir scored the only goal of the game for Jamshedpur FC in the 41st minute.

AWARDS

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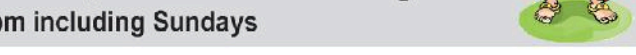

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